# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION FOR : ADMISSION TO PRACTICE IN THIS COURT :

## **PETITION**

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	t of Pennsylvania to admit n	ne to practice before that Court. In
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name of each Court, and I a  Supreme Court of Penn  Supreme Court of New	m currently a member in goo sylvania (October 2004) Jersey (November 2004)	d below on the date shown after the od standing of all those Courts.  of Pennsylvania (January 2005)
U.S. District Court f	or the District of New	Jersey (September 2007)
My attorney Identification n	umber is: 93504 (Penn	sylvania)
FOR COURT USE ONLY		
GENERAL ADMIS	SION:	
BEFORE JUDGE	IDGEU.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE	Date:
SPECIAL ADMISS	ON:	
GRANTEDu.s. district	JUDGEU.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE	Date:

Please Answer the Following Questions:

All occasions, if any, on which I have been convicted of a crime (subsequent to my becoming an attorney), censured, suspended, disciplined or disbarred by any court are set forth as follows: (State the facts and circumstances connected with each; if none, state "none".)			
NONE.			
All occasions, if any, on which I have been held in contempt of court are set forth as follows: (State the nature and final disposition of contempt; if none, state "none".)			
Ido, do notX _, have any disciplinary action, contempt or other proceedings involving me pending before any court. (Check the appropriate space.) If there are pending proceedings, please explain:			
I am seeking:			
General Admission under Local Rule LR 83.8.1			
Special Admission (specify by a check which rule) under			
LR 83.8.2.1 _x_, LR 83.8.2.2, LR 83.8.2.3, or LR 83.8.2.4			
If seeking special admission under Local Rules LR 83.8.2.1, LR 83.8.2.2, LR 83.8.2.3, or LR 83.8.2.4, the basis for my admission under the designated rule is as follows:			
I am seeking admission for this case only because my firm has been requested by			
Plaintiffs and their counsel, the ACLU of PA, to participate in the case as co-counsel.  NAME THE PARTY YOU REPRESENT:			
J.S., a minor, by and through her parents, Terry Snyder and Steven Snyder, individually and on behalf of their daughter.			
If special admission is requested for a particular case, please list case number and caption:			
Case #3:07-cv-585 (civil action)			
J.S., a minor, by and through her parents, Terry Snyder and Steven Snyder, Caption #			
individually and on behalf of their daughter v. Blue Mountain School District; Dr. Joyce E. Romberger, Superintendent Blue Mountain School District; and James S. McGonigle, Principal Blue Mountain School, both in their official and individual capacities.			

#### I understand that:

- 1) If seeking admission under Section LR 83.8.2.2, LR 83.8.2.3, or 83.8.2.4, I must submit a letter from a superior stating the agency with which I am employed and the duties performed which qualify me for admission under those sections.
- 2) If petitioning for admission, only in a particular case, under Rule LR 83.8.2.1, I need no sponsor's certificate. Any attorney specially admitted under LR 83.8.2.1, shall, in each proceeding in which he or she appears, have associate counsel who is generally admitted under Local Rule 83.8.1 to practice in this court, whose appearance shall also be entered of record and upon whom all pleadings, motions, notices, and other papers may be served in accordance with any statute or applicable rule. The attendance of any such associate counsel upon the hearing of any motion or the taking of any testimony shall be sufficient appearance for the party or parties represented by such associate counsel. Either the specially admitted attorney or associate counsel must be fully prepared to participate in any hearings, arguments, conferences and trials. (See LR 83.9)

If special admission is requested for a particular case, please list the name, address, telephone number and bar identification number of associate counsel to be entered of record in the case:

Mary Catherine Roper (I.D. No. 71107) American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania P.O. Box 40008, Philadelphia, PA 19106 (215) 592-1513 ext. 116

If seeking regular admission under Rule LR 83.8.1, I must have a sponsor who 3) is a member in good standing of the Bar of this Court present to move for my admission and I must submit the sponsor's certificate with my petition.

93504 (Pennsylvania) (Bar Identification Number)

October 16, 2007

(Date)

### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

#### CODE OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

As a member of the Bar of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, I will strive for the following professional ideal:

- 1. The rule of law will govern my entire conduct. I will not violate the law or place myself above the law.
- 2. I will treat with civility and respect the lawyers, clients, opposing parties, the court and all the officials with whom I work. Professional courtesy is compatible with vigorous advocacy and zealous representation. Even though antagonism may be expected by my client, it is not part of my duty to my client.
- 3. I will respect other lawyers' schedules as my own, and will seek agreement on meetings, depositions, hearings, and trial dates. A reasonable request for a scheduling accommodation should never be unreasonably refused.
- 4. Communications are life lines. I will keep the lines open. Telephone calls and correspondence are a two-way channel; I will respond to them promptly.
- 5. I will be punctual in appointments, communications and in honoring scheduled appearances. Neglect and tardiness are demeaning to others and to the judicial system.
- 6. I will earnestly attempt to resolve differences through negotiation, expeditiously and without needless expense.
- 7. Procedural rules are necessary to judicial order and decorum. I will be mindful that pleadings, discovery processes and motions cost time and money. I will not use them heedlessly. If an adversary is entitled to something, I will provide it without unnecessary formalities.
- 8. I will not engage in conduct that brings disorder or disruption to the courtroom. I will advise my client and witnesses appearing in court of the proper conduct expected and required there and, to the best of my ability, prevent my client and witnesses from creating disorder or disruption.
- 9. Before dates for hearings or trials are set, or if that is not feasible immediately after such date has been set, I will attempt to verify the availability of necessary participants and witnesses so I can promptly notify the court of any likely problems.

I agree to subscribe to the above Code of Professional Conduct:

Signature